GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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ARREST OF ARMY OFFICER`S KIN FOR SPYING
RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the son-in-law of a senior Army official was reportedly arrested recently for leaking sensitive defence information to Pakistani officials;

(b) whether intelligence officials are perturbed on penetration of ISI agents in the depth of Indian Security set-up;

(c) if so, whether involvement of some other officials have also come to light; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d): Five cases of espionage in which low/medium level sources in defence establishments allegedly indulged in passing military information of a general nature have come to Government's notice since June, 1999. Government have initiated suitable preventive measures from time to time to thwart such efforts by hostile intelligence agencies.